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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants request the entry of the following amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application.

An Amendment to the Title of the Invention is on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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Please amend the title to read as follows:

--PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF THE SAME, AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPRATUS--